

Re: You Don't Have to Be Nuts to Be a Mathematician ...

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On Thu, 15 Jul 04 11:44:43 GMT, jmfbahciv@aol.com wrote:

>In article <1089893941.5200@athnrd02.forthnet.gr>,
> Ioannis <morpheus@olympus.mons> wrote:
>>David C. Ullrich wrote:
>>
>>[snip]
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>>> Just to verify I'd get nothing I added a random word
>>>
>>> "Charles Dickens " –novel –novelist –English –author gazebo
>>>
>>> and I got 300 hits – at this point I gave up.
>>>
>>> How does one say "not the one you think I want" in google?
>>[snip]
>>
>>ROTFL :-)
>
>You may laugh <grin> but this was always a pesky problem
>w.r.t. user interfaces and translations in the computer
>biz. Not knowing anything about the program or the
>programmers of google, I'd start with a
>
> "Charles Dickens " .NOT. "novel novelist English author"
>
>The list of –tokens is not well–phrased.

Well _that_ doesn't mean what you thought it did.

I used that for the query, got no hits, clicked on
Advanced Search. That appeared with

NOT novel–novelist–English–author

in the "with ALL of the words" box

and

Charles Dickens

in the "with the EXACT PHRASE" box
(and with the "WITHOUT the words" box empty.)

I didn't find an explanation of boolean operators
where they said I would. At <http://www.google.com/apis/reference.html>
it says or is OR while not is -. (And there is no and...)

>OTOH, google's
>approach is to assume a sort of usage of sites, from most
>to least, is the best way to deliver their service.
>
>So the command is trying to tell google to reverse the
>sort. I bet you can't tell it to do that.
>
>/BAH
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>
>Subtract a hundred and four for e-mail.

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